



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Welcome to the Legislative Update for February 3, 2017

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature.

Note: to get the most from this report, be sure to open the [links](#) throughout this issue for the latest news and information. Thank you for your interest!

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### 53<sup>rd</sup> Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session

More than 640 floor actions have been filed since the last issue; 45 of those are related to bills tracked by the Council.

#### Summary of Action

As of this time on **Day 26**, **933 bills posted**, **85 Memorials or Resolutions** and **two passed**. The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans. Those bills are featured in the **FULL List**. To view the webreport, click [HERE](#).

NOTE: Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list ***does not*** represent support or opposition by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. It ***does*** mean that the topic is something that is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans.

Our webreport provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information on all of the bills being tracked and is available and updated on an ongoing basis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This list will continue to be edited and updated throughout the session. Bill information including description, status, hearings, etc. is part of a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

#### A few bills highlighted from the FULL List

**HB2033: controlled substances; definition** – For the purpose of controlled substances regulations, certain specified substances are added to the list of controlled substances included in schedule I. For the purpose of the criminal code, the definition of “narcotic drugs” is expanded to include

certain specified substances. Recent action: on 2/1 passed House 60-0; ready for the Senate.

House Engrossed Version [HERE](#)

**HB2041: dhs; health care institutions; licensure** – A health care institution license issued by the Department of Health Services does not expire and remains valid unless the Dept. revokes or suspends the license, or unless the license is considered void because the licensee did not pay the licensing fee before the due date. The Director of the Dept. is authorized to establish by rule a licensing fee, including a grace period and a fee for late payments, and to establish a process for the Dept. to notify a licensee of the licensing fee due date as well as a process for the licensee to request a different due date. Recent action: House Committee of the Whole approved with amendment. Passed House 59-0; ready for Senate.

House Engrossed Version [HERE](#)

**HB2140: Arizona Silver-Haired Legislature** – Establishes the Arizona Silver-Haired Legislature, a nonpartisan panel consisting of Arizona citizens who are at least 60 years of age and who are elected by their peers, to identify and discuss policy issues and annually submit its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature. The panel terminates on July 1, 2025. Recent action: House Committee of the Whole approved.

House Engrossed Version [HERE](#)

**HB2209: family caregiver income tax credit** – For tax years beginning with 2018, an individual income tax credit is established for taxpayers who incur “qualifying expenses” for the care and support of “qualifying family members” in the taxpayer’s home. The amount of the credit is equal to 50 percent of the qualifying expenses incurred, up to \$1,000. To qualify for the credit, the taxpayer’s Arizona gross income in the tax year cannot exceed \$75,000 for a single person or a married person filing separately, or \$150,000 for a married couple filing jointly.

Introductory Version [HERE](#)

**SB1059: adult protective services; confidential information** – the list of persons who may request that the general public be prohibited from accessing that person’s residential address and telephone number as contained in records maintained by the county, Secretary of State and Department of Transportation is expanded to include employees of the Department of Economic Security Adult Protective Services. Recent action: on 2/2 passed Senate 30-0; ready for the House.

Senate Engrossed Version [HERE](#)

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## Deadlines

Arizona State Senate 53rd Legislature [2017 Session Timeline](#)

Note: February 9 is the House Bill Request Deadline and February 10 is the last day for

introduction of bills. February 17 is the last day for Senate bills in the Senate (6 weeks) and last day for House Bills in the House.

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Committee Members are listed on the Arizona State Legislature's website at:

<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/CommitteeMembers>.

Committee Minutes can be found at:

<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/DocumentSearch/C?SessionID=117>

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Check out the *Arizona State Legislature* website: [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)

Calendar & News link: <http://www.azleg.gov/alis-today/>

Need to learn more about the legislative process? See [Arizona Bill](#) or [Bill to Law](#).

Find and review bill information [HERE](#).

Learn about the budget process [HERE](#).

Research the State Constitution [HERE](#).

Learn more at *Frequently Asked Questions* linked [HERE](#).

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If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you may voice your thoughts at any time by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 in Phoenix; 520-628-6580 in Tucson; in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only) or email: [engage@az.gov](mailto:engage@az.gov).
- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#)

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## **Fiscal News**

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee/JLBC**

House Appropriations Subcommittee Presentation (1/30/17) [HERE](#)

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## **FEDERAL UPDATE**

### **S.81**

#### **Senior Fraud Prevention Act of 2017**

Introduced on 1/10/2017 by Senator Amy Klobuchar

This bill directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to establish an office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection to advise the FTC on the prevention of fraud targeting seniors and to assist the FTC in monitoring the market for mail, television, Internet, telemarketing, and recorded message telephone call (robocall) fraud targeting seniors.

The office must: (1) disseminate to seniors and their families and caregivers information on the most common fraud schemes, including methods of reporting complaints either to the FTC's national toll-free telephone number or to the FTC's Consumer Sentinel Network, where complaints become immediately available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, state attorneys general, and other appropriate law enforcement agencies; (2) provide, in response to a specific request about a particular entity or individual, publicly available information regarding the FTC's enforcement action; and (3) maintain a website as a resource for information on fraud targeting seniors.

The FTC must establish procedures through such office to: (1) log and acknowledge the receipt of complaints by individuals who believe they have been a victim of such fraud in the Consumer Sentinel Network and to make such complaints immediately available to federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities; and (2) provide individuals with information on such fraud as well as the most common schemes

On 1/24/107, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

### **S.109**

#### **Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act**

Introduced on 1/12/2017 by Senator Check Grassley (IA)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

On 1/12/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee.

### **S.158**

#### **Let Seniors Work Act of 2017**

Introduced on 1/17/2017 by Senator Marco Rubio (FL)

To eliminate the payroll tax for individuals who have attained retirement age, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to remove the limitation upon the amount of outside income which an individual may earn while receiving benefits under such title, and for other purposes.

On 1/17/2017, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

### **S.165**

#### **Caregiver Program Information Dissemination Act of 2017**

Introduced on 1/17/2017 by Senator Mike Rounds (SD)

To amend title 10, United States Code, to require an element in preseparation counseling for members of the Armed Forces on assistance and support services for caregivers of certain veterans through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

On 1/17/2017, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

### **S.166**

#### **Muhammad Ali Commemorative Coin Act**

Introduced on 1/17/2017 by Senator Orrin Hatch (UT)

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Muhammad Ali.

On 1/17/2017, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Related bill: H.R.579

### **S.178**

#### **Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act**

Introduced on 1/20/2017 by Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)

To prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases.

Text [HERE](#)

On 1/20/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

### **S.182**

## **Court-Appointed Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act**

Introduced on 1/20/2017 by Senator Amy Klobuchar (MN)

To provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009.

On 1/20/2017, Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### **S.223**

**A bill to provide immunity from suit for certain individuals who disclose potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens, and for other purposes.**

Introduced on 1/24/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

On 1/24/2017, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

### **H.R.707**

## **Health Care Choices for Seniors Act**

Introduced on 1/27/2017 by Representative Marsha Blackburn (TN-7)

To amend the Social Security Act to improve choices available to Medicare eligible seniors by permitting them to elect (instead of regular Medicare benefits) to receive a voucher for a health savings account, for premiums for a high deductible health insurance plan, or both and by suspending Medicare late enrollment period between ages 65 and 70.

On 1/27/2017, Referred to House Energy and Commerce.

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## **Share your opinions with members of Congress!**

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your Representative or Senators by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

Contact the **White House**: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

ALSO: USA.gov provides contact information at: <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

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## NEWS& RESOURCES

### [Kaiser Health News](#)

January 30, 2017

*Trying To Solve The Alzheimer's Puzzle* [HERE](#)

Aging topics: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

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National Alzheimer's Project Act updated information can be found at:  
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>. The National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2016 Update is available at: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/report/national-plan-address-alzheimers-disease-2016-update>

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Alzheimer's website: <http://www.alzheimers.gov/>

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From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD**

*Friday, 2/3/2017 Update*

### **The Elder Justice Act: Background and Issues for Congress**

On January 24, 2017, the Congressional Research Service published a report, *The Elder Justice Act: Background and Issues for Congress*. The report provides an overview of the current complexities the country faces in regards to elder abuse. The Elder Justice Act was enacted in 2010 but most of the activities and programs authorized under it have yet to be funded through the appropriation process. Included in the report are concluding observations of how Congress can act to address the growing issue of elder abuse.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

*Friday, 1/27/2017 Update*

### **Webinar: Lewy Body Dementia: The Importance of Comprehensive Care & Support**

The Administration for Community Living's National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center, in collaboration with the American Society on Aging, is hosting a webinar about Lewy Body

dementia and the importance of comprehensive care and support. This webinar provides an overview of Lewy Body Dementia (LBD) and how it differs from Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's. Attendees will learn the symptoms of and treatments for LBD and how the disease affects caregivers. A person living with LBD will share first-hand experiences and compensatory strategies. Pre-registration is required for this event that will take place on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET**. CEUs are available for attendees.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

### **Legal Basics Webinar: Elder Abuse**

Justice in Aging is hosting a legal basics webinar on the topic of elder abuse. The recent White House Legal Aid report highlighted a troubling finding: one in 10 older adults and close to 50% of people with dementia are victims of elder abuse. Legal and aging network services help communities prevent elder abuse and help victims of elder abuse access services and justice. Lori Stiegel, a nationally recognized expert on older adults and elder abuse, will present a Legal Basics Webinar to help legal and aging network professionals prevent elder abuse. During this training, Lori will provide a basic overview of legal protections, information attorneys and non-attorneys need to spot and report on elder abuse, and legal interventions to protect against elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Newer legal services attorneys, law students, aging and disability network professionals looking to understand the basic information about elder abuse are encouraged to attend. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday, February 14, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET**.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

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### **National Eye Institute**

#### **February is Low Vision Awareness Month**

National Eye Health Education Program/NEHEP resources [HERE](#)

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### **Recognizing And Rewarding Kinship Care**

News Release [HERE](#)

### **Governor Ducey Appoints Beth Castro to Arizona-Mexico Trade Commission**

News Release [HERE](#)

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### **INFORMATION& RESOURCES:**



## **Maricopa County Standdown for Veterans**

**February 9 – 11, Arizona State Fairgrounds Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 1826 W. McDowell, Phoenix AZ**

For more information, call **(602) 753-8802** Additional information at the Arizona Veterans Standdown Alliance [website](#).

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## **February 17 – African American Conference on Disabilities**

**Desert Willow Conference Center**

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Call David at Ability360 **(602)-443-0723**

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## **University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix**

Mini-Medical School 3.0 events

More information [HERE](#)

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## **11<sup>th</sup> Annual James Case Memorial Workshop**

*Cognitive-Linguistic Assessments & Management in Neurogenic Communication Disorders*

**Saturday, March 25, 2017, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, ASU Tempe Camus, Coor Hall, room TBA**

More information [HERE](#)

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## **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Healthy Communities Conference**

**March 29, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., East Valley Institute of Technology, Mesa, AZ**

More information [HERE](#)

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**Arizona's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Transit Conference, presented by AzTA and ADOT, April 9-11, 2017**

Phoenix Airport Marriott

Registration [HERE](#)

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**In case you missed it last time...**

From the **American Society on Aging/ASA**

**Winter 2016-17 Generations**

A Message to the President on Aging Policy [HERE](#)

**Kaiser Health News**

January 18, 2017

*Inside Hospital, Families Find Refuge With Recliners, Tissues and Cake* [HERE](#)

January 26, 2017

*How To Make A Home Much More Friendly To Seniors Using Wheelchairs Or Walkers* [HERE](#)

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**Ongoing Resources**

From the **Governor's Office**

See the latest news

Newsroom: <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>

#AZAWESOME Shareables: <http://azgovernor.gov/governor/shareables>

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**AHCCS News & Updates:**

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

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**Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories** [HERE](#)

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Arizona Attorney General's Senior Resources [HERE](#)

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Arizona Department of Health Services

Public Health Licensing [HERE](#)

Arizona Healthy Aging (A- HA) [HERE](#)

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Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A

Map of Regions [HERE](#)

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**State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)** – free health benefit counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their families or caregivers.

More information [HERE](#)

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*Just in case*

If you wish to share our tracking list, here is the link to the web report:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25801&listid=61524&print=true>

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Past issues of the *Legislative Updates* are linked on the Council website at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

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You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link or pdf document to: [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov). Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including marketing or fundraising materials.

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*It is our goal to provide the Legislative Update at least every other week during the session.*

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**Have a good weekend!**

**~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging**



If you wish to be REMOVED from or know someone who would like to be ADDED to the Update, please send an email to: [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov) and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.

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